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ST. JOSEPH Chamber of Commerce

The President's Perspective

Certain Things in Life

You have heard the old saying, "the only certain things in life are death and taxes." I would like to add a third item to this list: potholes, those worn out spots in the road that our vehicles always seem to find.

But what if we could find a way to eliminate potholes or at least significantly reduce them? The City Council that was elected last spring made a pledge to voters to find ways to improve St. Joseph streets and they have been working diligently to address maintenance and repair to the streets and fix those pesky potholes. The reality is that more financial resources need to be devoted to the effort. Street repairs are expensive and St. Joseph has a lot of old streets.

This is where we, the voters, have an opportunity to address one of the certainties of life – potholes. On April 7, you have an opportunity to go to the polls and vote for the proposed local use tax. Estimated to raise \$700,000 annually, 100 percent of these funds will go toward street improvements. While not the total cure for what ails our roads, it certainly will go a long way in making them better.

The use tax is paid on out-of-state purchases. Some would argue that it's one way to support our local merchants where we do pay sales tax and who are at a disadvantage to out-of-state retailers. The County recently received approval for its share of the use tax and I would offer no one has seemed to notice. The truth is that our street maintenance efforts need help and the use tax is a good financial fix.

We know that you cannot cheat death and you can't get away from taxes, but you can take potholes off this list of life's certainties by voting to approve the City's use tax.

On April 7, vote for the use tax. You can be certain that St. Joseph's streets will be better for it.



R. Patt Lilly
President & CEO



Members Celebrate St. Patrick's Day

It is too bad this picture can't be in color because everyone in it, and so many more, were all decked out in green for St. Patrick's Day. The holiday fell on the Chamber's monthly Business After Hours date. Collision Repair Specialists hosted the event, provided food by Apple Market, drinks and a live performance by country singer Phil Vandel.

Collision Repair Specialists chose to host the event to highlight the importance of safe driving, especially on holidays when drinking and driving is more likely.

Business After Hours is a monthly networking event, presented by Altec Industries, that provides a chance for members to get to know one another in a casual setting.

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NEW MEMBERS

The following businesses and individuals have been approved for membership in the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce:

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April Calendar

All members, employees and guests are invited to attend events. Call the Chamber for any dietary needs.

7 Career Fair **Tuesday, April 7**
2 to 5 p.m., Free
Civic Arena
100 N. Fourth St.

This is the largest annual career fair in Northwest Missouri. The St. Joseph Employment Coalition assists in the organization and planning for this event. For more information call Mary Brown at (816) 364-4102.

8 BUSINESS MIXER **Wednesday, April 8**
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Free
Hillyard Technical Center, Room 103
3434 Faraon St.

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.

Please join us for your monthly chance to make some new business connections. This is an extra mixer this month, offered at the lunch hour. Lunch will be provided.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:
816/232-4461 or www.saintjoseph.com

9 DIPLOMATS CLUB Breakfast **Thursday, April 9**
7:15 to 8:30 a.m., \$5
Breakfast provided
Camp Geiger
9525 County Road 388

Presented by Mosaic Life Care

The Diplomats Club is a fun group that provides opportunities to promote your business and serve as a link between the Chamber and the community. Join members for their monthly meeting!

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14 Lunch & Learn Seminar **Tuesday, April 14**
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., \$10
St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce
3003 Frederick Ave.

Presented by CliftonLarsonAllen

Lunch by Chic-fil-A

Building Effective Teams to Create Sustainable Solutions — The simple but powerful concepts behind the Herrmann Brain Dominance Instrument will be demonstrated using a fun card game. Participants will learn to identify thinking styles and how those styles contribute to sustainable solutions to complex business problems. This will be presented by Carol Roeveer, Professor Emeritus of the Craig School of Business at Missouri Western State University and Certified Trainer for Hermann International.

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16 LEAD **Thursday, April 16**
7:30 to 9 a.m., Free
United Way of Greater St. Joseph
118 S. Fifth St.

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.

Join LEAD (Leaders Engaging And Developing) for its monthly meeting. This group of young leaders in the business community meet monthly for professional development purposes. This month's program will be about business finance.

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21 BUSINESS after HOURS **Tuesday, April 21**
5 to 7 p.m., Free
Barbosa's Castillo
906 Sylvania St.

Presented by Altec

Come out after work, have some food and drinks and help grow your business. Bring your business cards, meet some new people, who may be your next client!

28 Legal Fundamentals Breakfast **Tuesday, April 28**
7:45 to 9:30 a.m., Free
Breakfast provided
Mosaic Life Care
Flourish and Thrive rooms
5325 Faraon St.

Presented by Polsinelli

Come learn about Workplace Investigations: The good, the bad and the (sometimes...) outright fraudulent. New Missouri law on fraudulent or bad-faith investigations will cause administrative agencies, juries and judges to take an even more focused look at workplace investigations. The Chamber partners with Polsinelli to bring members these hot topics in human resource management. The topics will be presented by Carol Barnett and Marie Gockel. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: 800/473.6014 or mcornell@polsinelli.com.

Mark your calendars now, and confirm your reservation one week prior to the event. Reservations must be cancelled 24 hours in advance to avoid charges. For more information, call 816/232-4461. **CREDIT CARD RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE, www.saintjoseph.com**

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